



Meeting Date: Thursday, January 19th, 2023
Meeting Time: 6:00 P.M.
Meeting Location: City Hall-118 Hillsboro Avenue
Edwardsville, IL 62025

COOL CITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Members

Rachel Tompkins, Chair
Brigham Dimick
Jamie Henderson
Michael Katich
Tom Kinsella

Cara Lytle
Stephanie Malench
Kristen Pauli
Sherrill Wible

1. Call to Order by Rachel Tompkins
2. Roll Call...present: Tompkins, Katich, Kinsella, Lytle, Malench
3. Approval of Minutes from the December 15th, 2022 Cool Cities Committee meeting...motion by Tom Kinsella, second by Michael Katich, approved unanimously
4. Citizens wishing to address the Board
 - A. Chad Morris: Girl Scout Troup wanting to plant a tree in town. Committee members referred Chad to the Tree and Beautification Committee, Sara Cundiff (chairperson) and David Sirko (city liaison). Rachel recommended Lusk Park as a possible location.
5. Announcements...none

6. Old Business

- A. Republic Services and Recycling at Public Events: Kristin has been working on a design for recycling bins with Republic Services. Current problem with public events is that city staff have been collecting trash and recycling the same way without separation during the events and disposing everything as waste. There are conversations between Republic Services and city parks staff to create a system that resolves this issue. Cool Cities members want to be sure that signage is very clear about what can be placed in recycling containers to reduce contamination. Committee is also interested in collecting recyclables within specified hours during the events. Committee goal is to be ready with recycling

containers and collection systems this spring.

- B. Parking Ordinance: Rachel has met with Owen Luetkemeyer and Steve Stricklan about parking ordinance to reduce minimum parking for commercial lots. The concern is that valuable property in the city is wasted due to underutilized large parking lots. Conversations are ongoing between committee members, Owen, Steve, and city council members.
- C. Green Cities Challenge...Stephanie will represent the committee in an area wide celebration event at the Botanical Gardens and report back next month

7. New Business

A. Creation of 2023 Sustainability Goals...Possible considerations were brainstormed in December. Rachel highlighted the following for discussion:

1. lend support in monitoring and setting a goal for maintaining green spaces...Michael, Cara
2. reduce the use of Styrofoam in the city...Stephanie, Sherrill, Kristen
3. host an event with Heartland Conservancy about native gardening and water gardens for residents
4. update Cool Cities Website with education about xeriscaping, native planting, utilization of local food sources
5. encourage the city to add solar energy to existing buildings

Rachel suggested the committee form subcommittees to complete some of this work and bring back updates and suggestions to the full committee. Potential subcommittee members are listed above.

B. Presentation by Stephanie Malench – “Stretch Energy Codes” State stretch code: This is a Sierra Club initiative encouraging local communities to set energy efficiency guidelines that are more rigorous than the basic codes. Stretch codes would replace the more basic State Energy Code for municipalities. Is there a way the city might adopt the stretch code? Tom mentioned that there is often push back from the local Home Builders Association to adopt stretch codes. Benefits: don't have to develop own code, uniform code use, demonstrate commitment to climate action, showcase new technologies, influence future codes. Rachel may speak to Eric and Kevin about ways to encourage the use of these codes without adopting the code city wide. Stephanie will check with surrounding communities to see how others are responding. Tom recommended the use of both in the city as a starting point with city awards of recognition to those homes that are built to the stretch code.

8. Adjournment : motion by Stephanie Malench with a second by Tom Kinsella. All in favor.

Next Cool Cities Committee Meeting: February 16 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 118 Hillsboro Avenue

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Rachel V. Tompkins